

Fitchburg's Green E-News Blast #43

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1. City of Fitchburg Receives Excellence in Recycling Award for Organics Pilot!

Recycling Award for Organics Pilot! – Last month, the City of Fitchburg received a Recycling Excellence Award from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for Fitchburg's Organics Collection Pilot that began in 2012. There was a brief award recognition ceremony at the January 14th Common Council meeting. Fitchburg is proud to accept this award and will continue striving to live up to Fitchburg's Welcome Signs proclaiming Fitchburg as "Wisconsin's Recycling Leader." Fitchburg would like to thank Pellitteri Waste Systems as well as the residents who made this Pilot possible. For more information, please visit: www.fitchburgwi.gov/Organics or view the press release at: http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/meeting_minutes/files/PRESS_122013_CH.pdf



2. Fitchburg Holiday Light String Recycling Available (Nov. 25, 2013 to Jan. 30, 2014)

Fitchburg staff and Surplus-IT are teaming up for the second year in a row to offer recycling of holiday light strings for Fitchburg residents. A special cart is available at the Fitchburg City Hall Lobby (5520 Lacy Road, Lobby is available 24 hrs/day) for Fitchburg residents to drop off non-working holiday light strings and extension cords for recycling. Residents must remove any bulbs larger than marble-size and recycle those separately at participating stores.



Holiday Light String Recycling

Non-working holiday light strings and extension cords can be placed in this cart for recycling
(Please remove any bulbs larger than marble-size and recycle those separately at participating stores)



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3. City of Fitchburg Water Conservation Campaign

– The City of Fitchburg has made water conservation a top priority in 2014 and would like your help. Water conservation saves you money, but also protects our cherished supply of water and decreases energy usage. If we all reduced our indoor and outdoor water usage, we could have a dramatic impact. This winter, join the City of Fitchburg in preparing for **Fix a Leak Week March 17-23** and the **Wyland Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation April 1-30**.



4. Fitchburg Green Thursday Event – Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (Yahara WINs) Update - Thurs., Feb. 6, 2014, 6:30pm – Fitchburg Public Library

– Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) Environmental Specialist Kathy Lake will be on hand to give an update on the great work being done on the Yahara WINs pilot project funded by the City of Fitchburg, MMSD and ~30 additional partners. Visit: <http://www.madsewer.org/Programs-Initiatives/Yahara-WINs> for more details.

5. Water Quality Survey for Dane County's Lakes and Streams – Please fill out by January 30, 2014

Dane County's lakes and streams need your help. To protect and improve local water quality, www.myfairlakes.com (of which Fitchburg is a primary member of) is working with the University of Wisconsin–River Falls Survey Research Center to conduct a survey to learn more about your views on the health of our lakes and streams. Your participation is very important and will help local efforts to improve area lakes and streams. Your answers will remain strictly confidential and cannot be associated with your name in any way. Responses from all surveys will be analyzed together making identification of individuals impossible. You can complete the survey by going to <http://tinyurl.com/pbdzj9l> and following the prompts. **It only takes about ten minutes** and will help improve water quality programs in the county.

Please help the lakes and streams by going to the web site and completing the survey. We ask that you complete the survey by January 30, 2014. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Marcia Hartwig, Dane County Stormwater Education Coordinator at hartwig@countyofdane.com or 224-3746. Thank you!



6. Middleton Green Thursday Event – Water Conservation & Rain Gardens - Thurs., Feb. 6, 2014, 7pm – Willy West Co-Op Community Room, 6825 University Ave., Middleton

Join Middleton staff and Sustainability Committee members in celebrating Middleton's Water Conservation Challenge contestants and winners, share water conservation tips, and hear from a rain garden expert on how to make yards more environmentally friendly.

7. UW-Madison Office of Sustainability – Sustainability Forum 2014 -

Climate Change in Wisconsin: Where do we go from here? February 27, 2014 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. H.F. DeLuca Forum, Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, UW–Madison



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Thank you!

Sincerely,

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